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Application Number : 10/606,409 Confirmation No.: 5663
Applicant : Samuel M. SHAOLIAN et al.
Filed : June 25, 2003
Title : **TRANSPEDICULAR INTERVERTEBRAL DISK ACCESS METHODS AND DEVICES**
TC/Art Unit : 3733
Examiner: : BAXSTER, J.
Docket No. 64118.000141
Customer No. 21967

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. Fees have been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Extra	Rate		Amount
				Large Entity	Small Entity	
Number of Claims in Excess of 20	17	20	0	\$ 50.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims in Excess of 3	1	3	0	\$ 200.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 0.00
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claims				\$ 360.00	\$ 180.00	\$ 0.00
Extension Fee: a) One Month				\$ 120.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 0.00
b) Two Months				\$ 450.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 0.00
c) Three Months				\$1020.00	\$ 510.00	\$ 0.00
d) Four Months				\$1590.00	\$ 795.00	\$ 0.00
e) Five Months				\$2160.00	\$1080.00	\$ 0.00
Other						\$ 0.00
TOTAL FEE DUE						\$ 0.00

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☒ Charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0206.
 Small Entity Status Claim: ☐ is hereby requested. ☐ is of record in this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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I. INTRODUCTION

In response to the Office Action mailed February 22, 2006 (the "Office Action"), Applicants hereby offer the following response. A brief index of the present communication follows.

- Listing of the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.
- Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.